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THEFT OF IDOLS FROM JAIN TEMPLE
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether ten idols of ashtadhatu from a Jain temple of Gurgaon have recently been stolen ;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to check such incidents ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a)& (b) According to the information furnished by the Haryana State Police, 10 Astadhatu idols were reported stolen from Jain temple located in Jacumpura, Gurgaon. The thefts are not from centrally protected monuments.The list of idols stolen is at annexure.

(c) To ensure protection of the ancient sculptures and artefacts in nationally protected monuments, sites and museums, watch and ward staff have been deployed.Their strength has been supplemented by private security guards, State Police and Central Industrial Security Force.

ANNEXURE

LIST OF TEN IDOLS OF ASTADHATU STOLEN FROM JAIN TEMPLES IN GURGAON RECENTLY.

1. Two idols of Aadi Nath Bhagwan which are made up of mixture of eight metals

(Asta Dhatu), brass (Yellow) coloured, 12 inches in height Bull Sign.

2. One Idol of Khadgazon Bahubali which is made up of mixture of eight metals

(Asta Dhatu brass (Yellow) coloured, 9 inches in height

3. One Idol of Mahabir Bhagwan which is made up of mixture of eight metals

(Asta Dhatu), brass (Yellow) coloured, of 12 inches in height Loin.

4. One idol of Chahu Mukhi which is made up of mixture of eight metals (Asta Dhatu), brass (Yellow) coloured, 4 inches in height.

5. One Idol of Parsho Nath which is made up of mixture of eight metals (Asta Dhatu), brass (Yellow) coloured, 4 inches in height Sharp.

6. One Idol of Panch Parmeshri which is made up of mixture of eight metals

(Asta Dhatu), brass (Yellow) coloured, 4 inches in height.

7. One Idol of Aribant Bhagwan which is made up of mixture of eight metals

(Asta Dhatu), brass (Yellow) coloured, 4 inches in height.

8. One Idol of Chobisi which is made up of mixture of eight metals (Asta Dhatu), brass (Yellow) colouired, 4 inches in height.

9. One Idol of Mahabir Bhagwan which is made up of mixture of meight metals

(Asta Dhatu), Brass (Yello0w) coloured, 4 inches in height.